THE

ROYAL ALBERT INSTITUTION,

LANCASTER:

FOR THE FEEBLE-MINDED

OF

LANCASHIRE, YORKSHIRE, CHESHIRE, WESTMORLAND, CUMBERLAND, DURHAM AND NORTHUMBERLAND.

SIXTY-THIRD

ANNUAL REPORT.

God help the Imbecile ! more dark their lot
Than dumb or deaf, the cripple or the blind :
The closed soul-vision theirs, the blighted mind ;
Babes though full-grown ; the page of life a blot.

Yet say, shall their affliction be abhorred ?
Their need o'erlooked ? Shall Charity pass by—
Leave them to perish—with averted eye ?
Forbid, the love that burns to serve her Lord !

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SEPTEMBER, 1927.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I BEQUEATH TO THE ROYAL ALBERT INSTITUTION AT LANCASTER the sum of free of duty, to be applicable for the purposes of such Institution, and I declare that the receipt of the TREASURER or other proper officer for the time being of such Institution shall be a sufficient discharge for the same.

I devise my [describe the property fully] free of duty, unto the Royal Albert Institution at Lancaster, for all my estate and interest therein, the same to be for the absolute use and benefit of the said Institution and applicable for the purposes thereof.*

* *Formerly a Testator could give only money to a Charitable Institution, but now he can give real estate (that is land, houses and other buildings, and chief rents) as well as money to such an Institution.*

VOTING REGULATIONS.

Each County shares in the benefits of the Institution in proportion to the amount of its contributions, and the CENTRAL COMMITTEE most earnestly APPEAL for DONATIONS and SUBSCRIPTIONS, in order that full advantage may be taken of the accommodation, which has now been increased to 800 beds.

Free patients are periodically elected by the votes of contributors, and are received for seven years or more, subject to the rules and regulations of the Institution. Suitable cases are eligible for re-election for a further period.

At every election to fill vacancies for their respective Counties, Donors and Subscribers are entitled to one life-vote for every five guineas given in donations, and to an annual vote for each half-guinea subscribed annually by them to the funds of the Institution. For higher sums the votes increase in the same proportion. Smaller amounts are gratefully received.

Every Secretary of a County or Local Committee, and every Secretary, Treasurer or District Receiver of a Ladies' Association, receives two votes for services in such capacity; and each Collector of not less than 10s. 6d. per annum is entitled to one vote for collecting, and to an additional vote for every £2 12s. 6d. collected annually in subscriptions and donations.

Collecting books may be had on application to the Secretary. Annual subscriptions are renewable on the first day of January or July, and continue until their cessation is notified. Legacies are invested for the permanent benefit of the Institution.

Cheques and Money Orders should be made payable to the Secretary, Mr. Samuel Keir, The Royal Albert Institution, Lancaster; or to the General Treasurers, District Bank Limited, LANCASTER. Early intimation of money paid into Local Banks should be sent to Mr. Keir, in order that the usual official acknowledgment may promptly be made.

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PROSPECTUS.

THE ROYAL ALBERT INSTITUTION was established in 1864 for the care, education and training of the improvable feeble-minded of all classes belonging to the Seven Northern Counties—Lancashire, Yorkshire, Cheshire, Westmorland, Cumberland, Durham and Northumberland. It was erected and is supported by voluntary contributions, and patients are admitted both FREE BY ELECTION and also, WITHOUT ELECTION, AT RATES VARYING FROM 40 TO 250 GUINEAS PER ANNUM. Votes are allotted to subscribers and donors according to the amount contributed, and there are always many election applicants. SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION IS RESERVED FOR PRIVATE PATIENTS BOTH AT BRUNTON HOUSE AND IN THE MAIN BUILDINGS.

The Institution is situated about a mile from Lancaster; and the estate upon which it is erected consists of 277 acres of excellent land in a charming and salubrious situation, commanding fine views of Morecambe Bay and the mountains of the Lake District. Accommodation has been provided for about 800 inmates, and the arrangements comprise every convenience for the specific treatment of the feeble-minded. The system of training is designed to secure, by special means, the physical, mental and moral improvement of the patients.

Besides the school instruction, training is given in a great variety of useful occupations. The boys are taught tailoring, shoemaking, basketmaking, brushmaking, matmaking, joinery and cabinetmaking, woodcarving, toymaking, printing, bookbinding, tinsmithing, painting, leather work and baking; and there are excellent means of outdoor employment and training in farm and garden work. The girls are trained in knitting, sewing, cooking, laundry work and other household occupations, and also in lacemaking, hatmaking, soft toymaking and the art sealing-wax industry.

The results of training are shown by the following statistics: Since the opening of the Institution in December, 1870, 4,370 patients have been admitted, many of whom have been considerably improved, some 10 per cent. having become practically self-supporting under friendly supervision. Scarcely any case leaves the Institution altogether unimproved.

Epileptic, Paralytic, Tuberculous and Insane Persons are *not* eligible for admission; nor those who are incurably Hydrocephalic. Blindness or Deafness is also a disqualification.

The following are some of the principal Rules and Regulations:

PATIENTS.—Three classes are admitted:

1. Private patients, admitted at rates varying from 80 to 250 guineas per annum, according to the privileges and accommodation required. There is no maximum age restriction, and no residential qualification is necessary.
2. Patients for whom the full payment cannot be offered, and who belong to one of the seven associated northern counties, are eligible for admission at reduced rates varying from 40 to 80 guineas per annum.
3. Elected patients, between the ages of six and twenty-one at the date of application, whose friends are proved to be unable to meet the lowest payment. They are admitted by the votes of the Subscribers, and are received for seven years or more, suitable cases being eligible for re-election for a further period. They must belong to one of the seven associated northern counties.

APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION.—Applications must be addressed to the Secretary, from whom all necessary information may be obtained. The Central Committee will institute inquiries to ascertain whether there is a reasonable probability of benefit from the treatment adopted in the Institution, and to enable them to decide the terms on which the candidate ought to be admitted.

MODE OF ELECTING PATIENTS.—Subscribers have the option of voting directly by means of voting papers, or of transferring their votes to their respective Local or County Committees. Canvassing for votes is prohibited.

VOTES.—Donors of five guineas have a life vote, and Annual Subscribers of half a guinea an annual vote, for each vacancy due to their respective Counties. The right of voting, as regards higher sums, increases in the same proportion.

PERPETUATION OF VOTES.—At the death of a Donor, a vote for every ten guineas of his gift is vested in perpetuity in the Committee of the County to which the gift was originally made; and Legacies confer the same privilege. This voting power is never to exceed one-fourth of the entire voting power belonging to the Donors and Subscribers in the County.

GOVERNMENT.—The government of the Institution is confided to:

(*a*) A Central Committee, which consists of representatives from each of the Local Committees, in addition to fifteen Subscribers resident in the neighbourhood of Lancaster, elected at each Annual General Meeting.

(*b*) County Committees constituted by the members of the Central Committee forming themselves into Sub-Committees for promoting, in their respective Counties, the interests of the Institution.

(*c*) Local Committees formed for the purpose of obtaining funds and generally promoting the interests of the Institution. Every Local Committee is entitled to send one representative to the Central Committee, and also an additional representative for each entire thousand guineas in donations after the first thousand guineas, and for each entire fifty guineas in annual subscriptions after the first fifty guineas, contributed in that district.

The number of patients *elected* by each County is regulated by the amount of its contributions, and 2,315 of the 4,370 cases so far admitted have been sent in this way by the Subscribers. Many others have been received at reduced rates of payment. Of the 809 inmates now in the Institution, 317 belong to Yorkshire, 210 to Lancashire, 108 to Cheshire, 84 to Durham, 33 to Cumberland, 18 to Northumberland and 16 to Westmorland. Twenty-three payment cases belong to Counties not included in the Institution district.

The OBJECT, being one of broad Christian philanthropy, CHALLENGES THE SYMPATHY OF ALL CLASSES, and the Committee confidently appeal for help to rescue the feeble-minded from physical deterioration and mental and moral darkness. The applications for admission are both numerous and urgent. The Central Committee, therefore, while gratefully acknowledging the generous support which they have received in the past, earnestly APPEAL FOR ADDITIONAL DONATIONS AND ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS. Legacies are invested for the permanent benefit of the Institution.

DONORS OF FIVE HUNDRED GUINEAS ARE ENTITLED TO NAME AN ENDOWED BED, WHICH WILL BE DISTINGUISHED BY A BRASS TABLET.

Reports, regulations, application forms and other information will be gladly supplied by the Secretary, Mr. Samuel Keir, The Royal Albert Institution, Lancaster.

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September, 1927.

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MEDALS AWARDED IN 1927 FOR LONG SERVICE.

GOLD MEDALS.

John Templeton, Charge Attendant	1910
Martha Lindley, Cook	1910

SILVER MEDALS.

*John Brockbank, Attendant	1910
*Helena Taylor, Tailoress	1910
*Edith Bell Pearson, Laundress	1912
Frank Brown, Attendant	1915
John Cragg, Attendant	1915
Ellen May Seekins, Upholstress	1915

BRONZE MEDALS.

Lily Gemson, Nurse	1920
Dr. Cyril John Henderson, Senior Assistant Medical Officer	1920
Lilian Agnes Campbell King, Pantrymaid	1920
Fred Kirby, Printer	1920
Wm. Sutcliffe, Attendant	1920
Jenny Tarver, Teacher	1920
Wm. Andrew Wearing, Charge Attendant	1920
Ada Wells, Head Laundress	1920
Samuel Wood, Basketmaker	1920

* Service discontinuous.

AN APPRECIATION.

Letter from the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Chester.

The last sixty years have, I think, altered completely our whole view of the treatment of the mentally afflicted. In all the three great departments of prevention and treatment and after-care we have learned as much, perhaps, as in any other branch of medical science. The gentle, humane and sympathetic treatment of the patients, and the possibilities of real improvement secured by watchful after-care, have all been worked out with infinite patience and skill during the period I have named. Nor must we forget what are practically new discoveries as to the mentality of those who are thus afflicted. There is so often a real acuteness of mind in one direction, even when the mind in some other direction is clouded—a real appreciation of certain forms of truth and beauty. The mind that seems darkened is lit by strange flashes of real brilliance. All these things have been taken into account, and they are all of them indicative of hope and yet further progress in treatment. And yet, of course, despite all this the thing remains, and it seems as though the Royal Albert Institution were working with real kindness and with watchful care to do the best that can be done for it. I hope that Cheshire will bear its full part towards the support of so good a work.—*Chester Meeting, October 22nd, 1926.*

ANNUAL ELECTION OF PATIENTS.

An election of fifty patients was held at the Institution, on Friday, May 27th, 1927. There were no unsuccessful candidates, the whole of the following applicants being elected:

LANCASHIRE.—John Kirk, Rochdale, 3,525; Doris Winifred Longley, West Didsbury, 3,525; Tom Mellor, Ashton-under-Lyne, 3,525; Lilian Westhead, Atherton, 3,525; Eric White, Ardwick, 3,525; Margery Hall, Preston, 3,472; Frank McElroy, Preston, 3,472; Thomas Whitehead, Preston, 3,472; George Nathaniel Barratt, Widnes, 3,458; Sydney Barratt, Widnes, 3,458; David Gwynne Morris, Waterloo, 3,458; John Fairclough Bennett, Carnforth, 3,450; Richard William Cornthwaite, Morecambe, 3,450; Edith Agnes Dixon, Broughton, 3,450; George Henderson, Barrow, 3,450; Albert Edward Moorby, Cartmel, 3,450; Gertrude Nelson, Lancaster, 3,450; Thomas Nicholls, Barrow, 3,450; Edward Dawson Nicholson, Lindale, 3,450.

YORKSHIRE.—Mavis Annie Beard, Castleford, 2,273; Muriel Giles, Pontefract, 2,273; Eric Hall, Harrogate, 2,273; Violet Norah Wood, Northallerton, 2,205; James Baldwin Bland, Otley, 2,131; Lily Bradburn, Bradford, 2,131; Maud Heathcote, Bradford, 2,131; Ernest Holmes, Keighley, 2,131; John Waite, Shipley, 2,131; Maurice Corboy, Luddenden, 1,725; Fred Smith, Ripponden, 1,725; Arnold Durham, Leeds, 1,699; Charles Herbert Waugh, Ilkley, 1,699; Harold Sykes, Holmfirth, 1,656.

CHESHIRE.—Ronald Eastwood, Birkenhead, 717; Peter Gartland, Tranmere, 717; Dilys Olwen Hughes, Birkenhead, 717; William Frederick Hartley Newton, New Brighton, 717; William Edward Peers, Birkenhead, 717; Vincent Leslie White, Stockport, 717.

WESTMORLAND.—John Dowker, Kendal, 290; Roy Hare, Kentmere, 290; George Henry King, Witherslack, 290.

CUMBERLAND.—William Fred Fraser, Carlisle, 468; Gordon Hetherington Graham, Carlisle, 468; George Wade, Hensingham, 468.

DURHAM.—Arthur Spenceley Hart, Stockton, 711; Georgina Maughan, Horden, 711; Ethel Turner, Durham, 711.

NORTHUMBERLAND.—Robert William Redpath, Seaton Delaval, 248; Sidney Taylor, Newcastle, 248.

EXTRACT FROM VISITORS' BOOK.

At the request of the Hull Committee for the Care of the Mentally Defective, we have interviewed the 22 patients under the care of the Royal Albert Institution who hail from Hull. We have visited the farm and the various workshops, and have been greatly impressed not only by the ideal situation of the Institution but also by the very keen interest of the various members of the staff in the patients, and by their evident desire to interest and stimulate their limited intelligence.—*August 25th, 1927.*

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AT CHESTER,

October 22nd, 1926.

The annual general meeting of members and subscribers was held at the Chester Town Hall on Friday, October 22nd, 1926, in compliance with Article 12, the Right Hon. Lord Richard Cavendish, P.C., C.B., C.M.G. (Chairman of the Central Committee), presiding.

The minutes of the annual general meeting of members of the Royal Albert Institution, held at Rochdale on October 23rd, 1925, were confirmed and signed.

The proceedings were formally opened by Lord Richard Cavendish, and the following resolutions were then carried unanimously:

1.—That the Sixty-second Annual Report, with the Annual Accounts, be approved and adopted, and the Central Committee's appeal for continued support heartily commended for sympathetic consideration.

Moved by the Chairman and seconded by Ald. Wm. Briggs, D.L., Lancaster (Chairman of the House Committee).

2.—That the Lancaster members of the Central Committee be cordially thanked for their valuable services, and that the following gentlemen be appointed as Lancaster members for the coming year:

The Right Hon. Lord Richard Frederick Cavendish, P.C., C.B., C.M.G.

George James Booth, Esq.
William Briggs, Esq., D.L.
Rev. Herbert Broughton Edwards.
Gerald Garnett, Esq.
Sir Norval Watson Helme.
Thomas Wilson Helme, Esq.
Rev. Charles Cradock Twemlow Royds.
Charles Frederick Seward, Esq.
Richard Smith, Esq.
Herbert Lushington Storey, Esq., D.L.
James Travis Travis-Clegg, Esq., D.L.
John Welch. Esq.
William Gibbins Welch, Esq.
Edmond Whinnerah, Esq.

Moved by Mr. G. D. Killey, Liverpool (Vice-Chairman of the Central Committee), and seconded by Col. F. Haworth, D.L., O.B.E., Ambleside (Chairman of the Westmorland Committee).

3.—That the 1927 election of patients be left to the Central Committee, who are hereby authorised, on behalf of the voting subscribers and donors and the County Committees, to elect such candidates as they may deem advisable.

Moved by the Chairman, and seconded by Mr. H. A. Heywood, Chester.

4.—That, in compliance with Article 56, Mr. A. B. S. Welch be appointed Auditor for the ensuing year.

Moved by the Chairman, and seconded by Mr. Richard Smith, Lancaster (Chairman of the Finance Committee).

5.—That, in pursuance of Article 12, the next general meeting be held at Newcastle during September or October, 1927, unless the Central Committee deem it advisable to appoint some other place or time.

Moved by the Chairman, and seconded by Mr. Harold Carr, Carlisle.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman for presiding, proposed by Sir Norval W. Helme, Lancaster, and seconded by Captain John Welch, Lancaster, closed the business proceedings.

PUBLIC MEETING AT CHESTER,

October 22nd, 1926.

The annual general meeting was followed immediately by a public meeting, over which Brig.-Gen. Sir W. Bromley-Davenport, C.M.G., C.B.E., D.S.O. (Lord-Lieutenant of Cheshire and Chairman of the County Committee), presided.

There was a very good attendance, amongst those present, in addition to the members who were at the annual general meeting, being the Mayor of Chester (Dr. J. Welsh) and the Mayoress, Right Hon. Lord Sandhurst (Lord Chancellor's Legal Visitor in Lunacy), Mr. A. Hart Davies (City Sheriff), Ven. Archdeacon Paige Cox, Dr. J. H. Dobie, and many others. Great interest was taken in the specimens of patients' work on sale and exhibition.

In his opening address, the Chairman said there could be no doubt as to the value of the work done by the Royal Albert Institution, nor with respect to the deserving character of the appeal made on its behalf, and added that he did not know of any Institution which was more thoroughly deserving of their support.

Lord Richard Cavendish reviewed the progress and requirements of the Institution, and gave affirmative replies to the questions: "Does the Institution need my support?" and "Is it so managed and conducted that I can safely entrust my contributions to its care?"

The following resolutions were then passed unanimously:

1. That this meeting receives wilh gratification the record of continued progress and efficiency contained in the Sixty-second Annual Report of the Royal Albert Institution, and trusts that a generous response to the Central Committee's appeal may enable them to carry on with unabated success their beneficent work in aid of the feeble-minded of the Northern Counties.

Moved by the Mayor of Chester (Dr. J. Welsh), and seconded by the Ven. Archdeacon Paige Cox, Chester.

2. That the Honorary Officers and Collectors of the Cheshire Association and of the other Ladies' Associations connected with the Institution be heartily thanked for their valuable services, and congratulated upon their successful and persevering efforts in face of special difficulties.

Moved by the Right Hon. Lord Sandhurst (Lord Chancellor's Visitor), and seconded by Prof. G. R. Murray, M.D., D.L., D.C.L. (Chairman of the Manchester Committee).

3. That the services of the Chairman and members of the Cheshire Committee be acknowledged very gratefully, and that they be invited to continue their assistance and empowered to add to their number.

Moved by Mr. G. D. Killey, Liverpool (Vice-Chairman of the Central Committee), and seconded by Ald. Wm. Briggs, D.L., Lancaster (Chairman of the House Committee.

Upon the motion of the City Sheriff (Mr. A. Hart Davies) and Lord Richard Cavendish, Sir W. Bromley-Davenport was cordially thanked for presiding; and in response the Chairman moved a hearty vote of thanks to the speakers for their interesting addresses, to the Mayor for the use of the Council Chamber, and to Mrs. Barbour, by whom tea was provided at the close of the proceedings.

SAMUEL KEIR, *Secretary*.

Open-air Dance: "A Garden Song."

Whitsuntide Festivities: "A Village Wedding."

REPORT

For the Year ending March 31st, 1927.

NOTWITHSTANDING last year's industrial troubles, which so seriously affected the seven northern counties comprising the Institution's associated area, the supporters of the Royal Albert will find that the Central Committee's Sixty-third Annual Report, now submitted for their acceptance, contains a satisfactory record of continued progress and efficiency.

Newcastle.

One regrettable effect of the troubles in question has been the postponement of the visit which the Committee were hoping to pay to Newcastle, selected last year as the place for this year's annual general meeting. Seventeen years have elapsed since the Committee paid their last visit to Newcastle, but in view of the depression in the coal and shipping industries any attempt to hold an important public meeting there under existing conditions was thought inadvisable. Similar considerations applied also to Carlisle, which was last visited in 1913, and the Committee therefore had pleasure in accepting a cordial invitation from the members of the Westmorland Committee, whose Chairman (Col. F. Haworth, D.L., O.B.E.) suggested that they should make a new departure by paying their first visit to Windermere. They last met their Westmorland helpers and subscribers at Kendal in 1909, so that a further visit to the county has long been overdue.

Carlisle.

Windermere

Westmorland.

Westmorland from the first took a practical interest in the affairs of the Institution, a public meeting being convened at Kendal as early as the 22nd of March, 1866. Even before then, the names of Wakefield and Crewdson figured conspicuously in the list of those associated with the movement which led to the establishment of the Royal Albert, and both families are still represented on the Westmorland Committee, of which Mr. Jacob Wakefield, D.L., has long been the Hon. Treasurer. Another old family association is continued by Mr. Edward Moser, who took over the Hon. Secretaryship eight years ago, Mr. G. E. Moser then retiring with nearly forty years' service to his credit. The Right Hon. the Countess of Bective is the President of the West-

Westmorland Ladies' Association.

morland Ladies' Association, of which Mrs. Jacob Wakefield is the Hon. Secretary, assisted by the Right Hon. the Countess of Lonsdale, Mrs. Riddell, Miss Fawcitt and Miss Somervell as the Treasurers for the respective Rural Deaneries of Lowther, Kendal, Appleby and Ambleside. Including the past year's collection of £140, the members of the Westmorland Association, since its formation in 1891, have built up the substantial aggregate of £5,893.

Annual General Meeting at Chester.

After an interval of fifteen years, the Central Committee last year had the pleasure of paying a further visit to Cheshire on the occasion of the annual general meeting, which was held in the Chester Town Hall on the 22nd of October, the formal business being conducted by the Right Hon. Lord Richard Cavendish, P.C., C.B., C.M.G. (Chairman of the Central Committee). The chair was then taken by the Lord Lieutenant of Cheshire (Brig.-Gen. Sir W. Bromley-Davenport, C.M.G., C.B.E., D.S.O.), who as Chairman of the Cheshire Committee presided over the well-attended and influential public meeting which followed. In his opening address, Sir W. Bromley-Davenport made the following persuasive appeal for continued generous support:

Brig.-Gen. Sir W. Bromley-Davenport.

There was not one particle of doubt with regard to the value of the work done by the Royal Albert Institution, nor with respect to the deserving character of the appeal made on behalf of this Hospital for those who were afflicted in mind. Those suffering from bodily disability could still find mental happiness, but those crippled in mind had no means of directing their physical energies, and were like a ship without a rudder. The object of the Institution was to remedy this defect. It was bringing sunshine and happiness into lives which would otherwise be utterly dark and dull. By means of care and education, and with much patience and skill, it was bringing some degree of usefulness and some measure of happiness to those who otherwise would find their lives a burden to themselves and those around them. He did not know of any Institution which was more thoroughly deserving of their support.

Right Hon. Lord Richard Cavendish.

Lord Richard Cavendish reviewed the progress and requirements of the Institution, and gave affirmative replies to the questions "Does the Institution need my support?" and "Is it so managed and conducted that I can safely entrust my contributions to its care?" He continued:

The Institution was practically full, and so far as they could see there would be a continuous tax on their accommodation. The time would come when they must seriously consider the question of extension, for at no previous moment in the history of the Institution were the demands upon its space and care more insistent than at the present time. Its needs to-day were as great as they had ever been, and its claims for continued support were very urgent.

These appeals were cordially supported by the Right Hon. Lord Sandhurst (Lord Chancellor's Legal Visitor in Lunacy), the Mayor of Chester (Dr. J. Welsh), Ven. Archdeacon Paige Cox (Chester), Mr. G. D. Killey and Ald. Wm. Briggs, D.L. (Vice-Chairmen of the Central Committee), Prof. G. R. Murray, D.L., D.C.L. (Chairman of the Manchester Committee), and others. Tea was provided after the meeting by Mrs. Barbour (Vice-President of the Cheshire Ladies' Association), and the Committee are also deeply indebted to Sir W. Bromley-Davenport for his hospitality to those taking part in the proceedings. They take the opportunity of tendering their thanks for similar hospitality in connection with other meetings to Mr. C. F. Tetley (Chairman of the Yorkshire Committee), Col. F. Haworth (Chairman of the Westmorland Committee) and Mr. Edward Moser (Hon. Secretary), Mrs. C. D. Shafto (Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the Durham Ladies' Association) and Mrs. Arthur Harrison (Durham), Mr. C. W. Allan Hodgson (Hon. Treasurer of the Cumberland Ladies' Association) and Mr. Harold Carr (Carlisle), Mr. A. R. Pollit (Chairman of the Halifax Committee), Mr. Ernest Woodhead (Chairman of the Huddersfield Committee), Ald. Oscar Rowntree (Lord Mayor of York), Councillor C. H. Bryning (Mayor of Rochdale) and Councillor G. H. Hibbott (Mayor of Southport).

Other Speakers.

Acknowledgments.

The meetings in question were the annual fixtures of various County and Local Committees and Ladies' Associations, which are usually held during April and May for the purpose of reviewing the year's work and allotting the votes at their disposal at the subsequent election of patients. This year there were eighteen of these meetings, most of which attracted exceptionally good attendances. Voting-papers are no longer posted to individual subscribers, that system having been discontinued during the war, but the votes of those present are credited in accordance with the resolutions passed at these annual meetings. In this way, subscribers and collectors may still make personal use of their votes, and they also retain the valuable privilege of nominating candidates for admission by election or at the reduced rate of payment. Contributors who prefer to do so may write to the Secretary asking for their votes to be given in support of the candidate or candidates in whom they are specially interested, and such requests always receive attention. Since the adoption of the present system, the Central Committee have fortunately been in a position to admit every applicant, so that the posting and

County and Local Committees and Ladies' Associations.

Voting System.

tabulation of individual voting-papers would not only have served no useful purpose but would have entailed needless trouble and expense.

Election of Patients.

At this year's election, the result of which was declared on the 27th of May, the number of applicants rose to fifty, all of whom were elected. More than half the patients so far admitted, or no fewer than 2,315 out of the total number of 4,370 dealt with since the first inmates were received in the December of 1870, have been sent in this way through the votes of the subscribers. As many others are admitted at reduced rates much below the actual cost of maintenance, the supporters of the Institution will appreciate how successfully and efficiently it continues to fulfil the ideals of its founders.

Charitable Work.

Election Applicants.

Of the fifty elected applicants, nineteen were from Lancashire, fourteen from Yorkshire, six from Cheshire, three each from Durham, Cumberland and Westmorland, and two from Northumberland. Amongst them were many urgent cases, fifteen of the candidates being fatherless and eight motherless, whilst four others had lost both parents. Two were brothers, and there were other instances of the congenital nature of mental defect. In some cases the father was returned as having been killed in action; in others either the father had been invalided or the mother was stated to be dependent upon children. The pressure upon the accommodation of the Institution continues to be so severe that there is great difficulty in finding room for the newly-elected cases even when they are given priority over other applicants. As certified by the Board of Control, the Royal Albert has accommodation for 800 inmates, but on the 31st of March last there were actually on the books the names of 809 patients, of whom 317 were from Yorkshire, 210 from Lancashire, 108 from Cheshire, 84 from Durham, 33 from Cumberland, 18 from Northumberland, 16 from Westmorland, and 23 from counties outside the associated area. During the year, the average daily number under care rose from 797 to 804.

Number of Inmates.

These annual meetings also give the members of the County and Local Committees and Ladies' Associations the opportunity of filling any vacancies in the ranks of their officials, as well as of electing representatives on the Central Committee and thus taking an active part in the government of the Institution. In this way, the Central Committee has recently been enlarged by the appointment of the following additional local representatives: Brig.-Gen. Sir W. Bromley-

Central Committee.

Appointments.

Davenport (Cheshire), the Very Rev. the Dean of York (York), Mrs. W. H. Challoner and Mrs. Arthur Harrison (Durham), Mrs. P. H. Leigh (Manchester), Mrs. J. T. T. Ramsay (Blackburn), Mr. Charles Robertshaw (Halifax), Mr. Allan Rowntree (Scarborough), Mr. Ernest Woodhead (Huddersfield), and Mrs. M. Tarbuck, Councillor L. F. W. S. Smith and Mr. J. A. Thistlethwaite (Bradford). Other changes during the past year unfortunately include the deaths of Mr. P. J. Hibbert, D.L. (Grange-over-Sands), and Mr. P. H. Leigh (Worsley), which are here mentioned with great regret. Mr. Hibbert's death severs a family association unbroken since 1867, when the late Sir John T. Hibbert, K.C.B., who afterwards held the Chairmanship for a period of eighteen years, first joined the Central Committee; whilst the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Leigh has been happily filled by the appointment of Mrs. Leigh, who has also accepted the District Treasurership at Worsley in connection with the South Lancashire Association.

Deaths.

Changes.

In reviewing the work of hundreds of voluntary helpers scattered over the wide area of the seven associated counties, account must necessarily be taken of many unavoidable changes, and the Committee note regretfully that these include the deaths of Mrs. R. A. ffarington (President of the Wigan Association), Mrs. J. W. Rounthwaite (Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the Gateshead Association), Mrs. Green-Thompson (District Treasurer at Cockermouth), and of Collectors such as Miss Margaret Nicholson (Penrith), Miss M. G. Clegg (Halifax), Miss C. M. Ward (Leeds), Mrs. David Wilson (Prestwich) and others, some of them having long terms of service to their credit.

Deaths.

Retirements

The list of retirements is headed by Mrs. J. C. Ellison (Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the Liverpool Association), who has since 1910 collected very nearly the round £1,000. The Institution loses another of its senior Hon. Officers through the resignation of Mr. R. A. Leach, who has for over thirty years past acted as the Hon. Secretary of the Rochdale Committee; whilst the members of the Warrington Association have to regret the retirement of their President (Mrs. F. Aylmer Frost), who has held that position since 1909, when the Association was formed. Turning to the Collectors, the Durham Association loses one of its senior members through the resignation of Miss Ormston, whose appointment dates from 1875. Particulars of other changes will be found in the

local Subscription Lists, which are reprinted annually, but reference may here be made to the retirement of Miss F. E. Kirk (Stockton-on-Tees), with an aggregate of £254 collected since 1889, of Miss Sleath (Holywell Green), with £250 since 1903, of Mrs. Anthony Wilson (Keswick), with £247 since 1909, and of Mrs. A. G. O'Neill (Castleton), with £190 since 1901. Other retiring helpers include Miss Burgess (Eccles), £101 since 1903; Mrs. Brockbank (Dalston), £84 since 1903; and Miss Mossop (Lamplugh), £70 since 1911. The valuable assistance rendered by these ladies and gentlemen, as well as by many others whose names are not here mentioned, is most gratefully acknowledged by the Committee.

Appointments.

Fortunately these losses have been balanced by many new appointments, beginning with the election of the Very Rev. Lionel Ford, D.D., as Chairman of the York Committee, the new Dean thus following the example of his illustrious predecessors. Mrs. H. Roberts has accepted the Presidency of the Warrington Association, and has inaugurated her term of office by the organisation of a successful drawing-room meeting; Mr. Ernest Woodhead succeeds Mr. Willans in the Chairmanship of the Huddersfield Committee; Mr. Isaac Clegg follows Mr. Leach in the Hon. Secretaryship of the Rochdale Committee; Miss Hope Dodds replaces Mrs. Rounthwaite as Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the Gateshead Association; Mrs. Robert Thompson takes over the District Treasurership at Stockton-on-Tees from Miss F. E. Kirk; and Mrs. Charles H. Hey has just been appointed Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the Halifax District Association in succession to Mrs. Crossley Wright. Despite the arduous nature of the work, which the special difficulties of the times render more and more exacting, ladies continue to proffer their services as Collectors, amongst the more important appointments being those of Mrs. Roger Carter (Heaton Mersey), Mrs. Moffatt (Eccles), Miss Porritt (Castleton), Mrs. J. H. Sutcliffe (Ilkley), Miss Frances M. Cockshott (Southport), Miss Wilkinson Crossley (Elland), Miss Linley (Keswick) and Miss Dorothy G. Lord (Rochdale).

New Collectors.

Hon. Officers and Collectors.

Again the Committee have the pleasant duty of expressing their grateful appreciation of the very valuable services of the Hon. Officers and Collectors of the various Ladies' Associations and the members of the County and Local Committees. They are also deeply indebted to the newspaper press of the northern counties for continued

Press Support.

advocacy and support; as well as to the Clergymen and Ministers by whom collections in aid of the Institution are regularly promoted and whose names have been mentioned in previous Reports. The assistance rendered by their Hon. Solicitors (Messrs. Gibson & Sturton), whose services are always readily available, deserves special recognition.

Pulpit Advocacy.

Hon. Solicitors.

The Committee feel that they are deeply indebted to the Medical Superintendent (Dr. Coupland) for his efficient management of the Institution, and for keeping it so well abreast of modern developments tending to promote the well-being and happiness of the feeble-minded; and they appreciate very highly the loyal support he receives from the Senior Assistant Medical Officer (Dr. Henderson), the Junior Assistant Medical Officer (Dr. Appleyard), the Matron (Miss Siviour), and the other officials and members of the Institution staff.

Medical Superintendent.

Assistant Medical Officers and Staff.

They also renew their recognition of the very efficient services of their Secretary (Mr. Keir), who has now filled that position for more than twenty years past, and who is ably assisted by the members of his staff.

Secretary and Office Staff.

With respect to the work of their lady helpers, it is impossible for the Committee to write too appreciatively. The success with which they have overcome the difficulties resulting from last year's industrial troubles is shown by the fact that their total collection for the past twelve months comes within a few shillings of the previous year's figure, and brings to no less than £118,366 the aggregate amount obtained by them since the formation of the first Ladies' Association at Durham in 1875. Such a record speaks more eloquently than any words, but the Committee hope that the ladies who have worked so courageously and successfully will accept this assurance of their heartfelt gratitude and appreciation. Appended is a summary of the past year's collection, full details of which will be found in the annual Subscription Lists:

Ladies' Associations.

Aggregate Collection.

Details of Annual Collection.

MANCHESTER & SOUTH LANCASHIRE:	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Manchester and Salford	221	11	0						
Rochdale Branch	78	9	6						
Bury Branch	68	18	6						
Burnley Branch	35	16	1						
Bolton Branch	28	3	0						
Warrington Branch	28	2	6						
Oldham Branch	19	10	0						
Wigan Branch	15	17	6						
Ashton and Leigh Branches	15	7	6						
				511	15	7			

LIVERPOOL	110	10	6			
SOUTHPORT	91	3	7			
LANCASTER	53	4	4			
NORTH LONSDALE	43	8	6			
BLACKBURN	24	5	6			
PRESTON	5	13	6			
Total of Lancashire Collections ...				840	1	6
HALIFAX	249	5	8			
BRADFORD	144	4	6			
HUDDERSFIELD	119	13	9			
LEEDS	66	3	0			
YORK, THIRSK and N. & E. RIDINGS	22	12	6			
SHEFFIELD and SOUTH YORKSHIRE ...	14	2	3			
Total of Yorkshire Collections ...				616	1	8
CHESHIRE				333	3	9
DURHAM				232	6	9
CUMBERLAND				174	7	11
WESTMORLAND				140	18	0
NORTHUMBERLAND and NEWCASTLE				126	13	6
Total Collection for 1926-27				£2463	13	1

Individual Aggregates.

From the particulars given below it will be seen that no fewer than thirty-five ladies have succeeded in collecting from £15 to nearly £50 each—or even more—during the past financial year, Mrs. Lister Brook heading the list with a total approaching £100. The aggregate amounts obtained by some of these ladies are very large, Lady Priestley (President of the Bradford and Craven District Association) easily coming first with a total of more than £2,100. Mrs. Ellison (Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the Liverpool Association) follows with an aggregate of practically £1,000; whilst Mrs. John Powell (Crewe) takes third place with a total of over £650:

Individual Collections.

	£	s.	d.
Mrs. Lister Brook, Brighouse	95	6	6
Mrs. J. C. Ellison, Liverpool	66	16	6
Lady Priestley, Bradford	48	8	0
Miss I. B. Thomson, Huddersfield	47	2	6
Miss Mead, Otley	42	14	0
Lady Paton, Southport	35	4	0
Miss E. Mozley, Leeds	35	3	6
Mrs. Rouse and Mrs. Patchett, Cleckheaton	33	1	6
Mrs. J. A. Ingham, Todmorden	32	9	0
Miss A. Annandale, Lancaster	29	12	6
Mrs. Lionel Garnett, Chester	28	16	0
Mrs. P. H. Leigh, Worsley	27	1	6
Miss K. Laing, Newcastle	26	1	6
Miss Hoyle, Hebden Bridge	25	12	6
Mrs. Pilkington Turner, Manchester	25	6	0
Miss Mann, Windermere	24	6	0
Mrs. J. T. T. Ramsay, Blackburn	24	5	6
Mrs. Guy Ropner, West Hartlepool	23	17	0

Miss E. Cameron Mawson, Gateshead	21	16	6
Mrs. B. W. Harvey, Bowdon	21	14	6
Mrs. C. D. Shafto, Durham	21	10	0
Miss J. W. Crook, Bolton	21	4	6
Mrs. Blackett-Ord, Alnwick	19	12	0
Miss Pownall, Neston	18	14	0
Miss H. Vaughan, Manchester	17	6	0
Miss F. E. Kirk, Stockton-on-Tees	16	10	6
Mrs. Anthony Wilson, Keswick	16	9	6
Miss J. E. Webb, Bury	16	4	6
Mrs. M. E. Grimes, Seaham Harbour	15	17	6
Miss F. A. Walton, Burnley	15	15	6
Mrs. Grommé, Manchester	15	14	0
Misses Hopkinson, Bury	15	11	6
Miss Eastwood, Luddenden	15	3	8
Miss. S. Hedley, Grindon	15	0	0

Finances.

Financially the prosperity of the Institution continues to be well maintained, although last year's industrial troubles are reflected in an unavoidable increase in the average cost of maintenance, mainly caused by the high prices which had to be paid to maintain the fuel supply. The full effect of the staff superannuation scheme is now shown in the accounts, the payments under this head amounting to nearly £2,000. The progressive increase in the income from legacies and other benefactions permanently invested on Sustentation Account is a most satisfactory feature of the returns, and it seems likely that the receipts from this source will in the near future reach the round £10,000 a year, thus adding greatly to the Institution's stability and providing resources which should carry it safely through periods of depression such as the one from which the country is now recovering. More than half the amount borrowed from the Sustentation Fund for the purchase of additional land has now been repaid, but there still remains a balance of £11,491 which should be cleared off and invested in interest-bearing securities as soon as circumstances permit. Grateful acknowledgment is made of the following legacies, received during the past financial year, which have since been supplemented by bequests of £500 from Mrs. Lambert, of Morton, Bingley, and £250 (on account) from Mr. Thomas Shoesmith, of Halifax, as well as by one or two smaller benefactions:

Invested Benefactions.

Legacies.

Sir Robert Charles Brown, M.B., Preston	£100
Thomas Henry Dodgshun, Leeds	£100

Voluntary Income.

Appended are particulars of the amounts received during the year in subscriptions, donations and legacies from each of the associated counties. Comparison with the returns

for the previous year shows that Yorkshire, Northumberland and Westmorland have contributed increased amounts, the improvement in each instance coming under the satisfactory heading of annual subscriptions:

Counties.	Maintenance Account.		Sustentation Fund Account.		Total.
	Annual Subscriptions.	Donations.	Legacies.	Donations.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Lancashire	1652 15 1	16 14 6	100 0 0	... ...	1769 9 7
Yorkshire	946 7 2	14 16 3	100 0 0	100 0 0	1161 3 5
Cheshire	342 5 9	47 13 0	... ...	... ...	389 18 9
Durham	252 14 9	... ...	... ...	... ...	252 14 9
Cumberland	190 13 5	... ...	... ...	... ...	190 13 5
Northumberland	167 0 6	2 12 6	... ...	... ...	169 13 0
Westmorland	155 17 6	... ...	... ...	... ...	155 17 6
	3707 14 2	81 16 3	200 0 0	100 0 0	4089 10 5

Special Efforts.

Whist-drives and other special efforts in aid of the Institution continue to be promoted in various places, as will be seen from the details which follow. Such efforts are not only profitable as regards the returns but are enjoyable to those who take part in them, and they thus form an admirable means of raising funds for the Institution and enlisting increased interest in its methods and aims. The members of the Congregational Mothers' Meeting at Otley, who have during recent years sent in an aggregate of nearly £300, show what can be done by the organisation of whist-drives and other entertainments; whilst at Crewe the annual flower-days usually bring in a good amount, and at Felton Mrs. Widdrington always allots to the Institution part of the proceeds of her garden-festival at Newton Hall:

	£	s.	d.
Otley Congregational Church Mothers' Meeting, Whist-drive, Concerts and Teas	30	2	0
Crewe Flower-days, April 30th and May 1st, 1926	27	15	6
Mrs. Klemt, Crewe, Whist-drive and Dance, April 21st, 1926	21	0	0
Mrs. Widdrington, Newton Hall, Felton, Garden Festival, August 7th, 1926	10	0	0
Mrs. Brown, South Shields, Drawing-room Meeting	5	10	0
Mrs. J. W. Walker, Carlisle, Whist-drives and Dances	5	2	6

Official Visits.

During the past year, the Institution has been twice visited by the Board of Control's Inspectors, on October 25th and 26th, 1926, by Dr. Gill and Miss Landon, and on May 2nd and 3rd, 1927, by Dr. Gill and Dr. Adamson. Recommendations as to improvements or additions are frequently

made by the Commissioners or Inspectors as the result of these visits, and such suggestions always receive the Committee's careful consideration. They are now faced by the necessity of overhauling their electrical plant, which has for many years past been working under great pressure; whilst it will be seen from the appended list of other improvements, either recently completed or still in progress, that the demands upon the resources of the Institution are very heavy:

Improvements.

North Wing Verandah and other additions	£1,297
Rodgett Infirmary extensions and improvements	£1,198
Kitchen and Scullery alterations and renovations	£456
New Greenhouse	£417
Installation of Refrigerator	£350
Redecoration of the Winmarleigh Hall	£222

Extracts from Visitors' Book.

The Board of Control's periodical inspections are frequently supplemented by the visits of deputations from Boards of Guardians and Local Authorities under the Mental Deficiency Act, and the visitors' book is full of appreciative entries made on these occasions, as will be seen from the following extracts:

We have to-day visited this Institution, seen all the patients chargeable to Sculcoates Union, and found all very cheerful and at work. We were charmed with the Home and all the surroundings. We had every attention shown to us.—*July 12th, 1927.*

The members were very much impressed with the method of applying to the various needs of the Institution the industrial tasks within the capacities of the inmates. The patients chargeable to Leeds appear happy and in a good state of health.—*November 2nd, 1926.*

Visited here to-day and saw the patients chargeable to the Rochdale Union. Everything appeared to be done for the welfare of the patients that was humanly possible.—*December 7th, 1926.*—The patients appeared to be well and contented. All the wards and dormitories were in a very clean state, and everything was most satisfactory.—*June 27th, 1927.*

Have interviewed all the patients from the Stockport Union and found them all in good and happy condition. We visited different parts of the Institution, and were especially struck with the handicrafts here taught. Much of the work was splendid; indeed the woodcarving was the work of real artists. We were all highly satisfied, and our visit was a delight and enlightenment.—*August 26th, 1926.*

We have seen the patients sent by our Board and also those sent by the Wakefield Mental Deficiency Committee, and were perfectly satisfied with their appearance and condition. Words cannot express our admiration for the excellent work performed or for the courtesy of the staff.—*August 19th, 1926.*—Were greatly impressed by the efficient management of the Institution, and particularly by the care devoted to the children.—*May 23rd, 1927.*

Visits of Parents and Relatives.

Mondays are reserved for the visits of parents and relatives, who are allowed to take patients out for walks or for the day when circumstances permit. Patients may also be visited on other days, whenever necessary, by arrangement with the Medical Superintendent. Appended are a few extracts, selected from numberless testimonies of the kind, which show how greatly these privileges are appreciated:

Testimony of Relatives.

I have visited my sister during Eastertide, and have found her very happy and well cared for. I am full of gratitude to those who do everything possible to make her life so happy.—*April 20th, 1927.*

We have had Margery out again to-day, and are really very pleased both with her health and her behaviour. We think she is improving every time we visit her, and thank all the staff for their attention and love.—*June 30th, 1927.*

We had a delightful day with our little daughter on her birthday, and were very touched to see how many of the staff and patients had remembered her. It is really astounding how very good every one is to the child. We found her wonderfully improved, and can only congratulate and thank every one concerned.—*June 23rd, 1927.*

I am just writing to say how pleased we are after our visit to the Institution. We were more than delighted with James; we see a greater improvement in him each time we visit him, and we thank you all for your kindness to him. We hope the next time we pay him a visit that he will be as well in health and as contented.—*April 1st, 1927.*

I want to express my very sincere thanks, both for myself and for the other members of my family, for all the kindness and attention which my brother received at the Institution, especially from the Medical Superintendent, the Matron and the Nurses. He could not have been in better hands, and I am sure his life was as happy as it could have been made. Once more I thank you all.—*January 31st, 1927.*

Again I am making application for my boy's holiday. Things have been very hard owing to my long illness, but a friend has offered to help me with his railway fare so that we can have him home as usual. It was a great relief to me to know he might stay another year at the Royal Albert, but I am fearing the time when he will have to leave, for I don't know what he will be able to do. There seems to be nothing to employ him here, but I try not to meet trouble, trusting the future to the One who has cared for and guided us up to the present. My heart is full of gratitude for all the benefits he has received at the Institution, and for all the kindness shown to him and also to myself, for which I can never thank you enough.—*June 20th, 1927.*

Incidence of Mental Defect.

Recent investigation into the incidence of mental defect amongst the general population of the country, as shown by the results obtained in selected districts, leads to the conclusion that the proportion of those who fail to reach the normal standard of intelligence is greater than was at one time

supposed. There is therefore no likelihood of the provision of adequate residential accommodation for a long time to come, so that the best possible use should be made of Institutions such as the Royal Albert, perfected by long experience and equipped with the highly-trained staff required to cope successfully with this special work. These Institutions should be reserved for dealing with the more improvable of the vast army of defectives, leaving those incapable of benefiting from their comprehensive training and educational facilities to be dealt with elsewhere on simpler and more economical lines. It does not follow from the investigations mentioned that any actual deterioration in the mental capacity of the race need be apprehended; more probably the results indicate, as might be expected, that modern conditions tend to foster the survival of inefficient members of the community who would have been eliminated at an earlier age by the hardships and callous indifference of bygone days. But the community owes a duty to itself as well as to its weaker members, and whilst these unfortunates should be treated with the utmost sympathy and consideration they should at the same time be protected and supervised in such a way as to prevent them from passing on their defect to future generations, otherwise the very care with which they are tended will react to the prejudice of society at large. The Committee therefore welcome the indication of increased interest in this important social question shown by the introduction into Parliament of two Bills dealing with the amendment of the Mental Deficiency Act, the improvement and simplification of which in various directions is certainly very desirable. They trust that in this growing concern for the welfare of those unable to care for themselves the splendid work done by the Royal Albert Institution may be remembered, and that it may continue to attract the generous support which has been accorded to it for more than sixty years past. As Pope puts it:

Training and Educational Institutions.

Segregation of Defectives

Legislation.

Appeal for Continued Support.

> In Faith and Hope the world will disagree,
> But all mankind's concern is Charity;

and in renewing their annual appeal to their supporters throughout the seven associated northern counties they feel that they are pleading the cause of the weakest and most unfortunate of their fellow-creatures.

RICHARD F. CAVENDISH,

CHAIRMAN.

MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the Central Committee of the Royal Albert Institution

My Lord, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Summary.

I have pleasure in presenting my Report for the past year, and beg to subjoin the usual table of statistics for the period ending March 31st, 1927:

	Males.	Females.	Total.
In the Institution, March 31st, 1926 ...	540	265	805
Admitted	29	9	38
Discharged	17	7	24
Died	8	2	10
Aggregate number	569	274	843
Daily average	538	266	804
Maximum number	540	271	811
In the Institution, March 31st, 1927 ...	544	265	809

Deaths.

The deaths are small in number, and the causes, tabulated below, call for no special comment, it being acknowledged that Tuberculosis in some form is a special enemy of the defective. To counteract this tendency, the provision of open-air verandahs has been a prominent feature among the additions during recent years, and a most useful one has recently been added on the south side of the girls' wing. This is being used for open-air meals, occupation classes, drill, games, etc. An artificial-sunlight apparatus has been installed in a room in the Tuberculosis Home, and this also carries out modern views as to prevention of disease and the protection of health.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Influenza	1	0	1
Influenzal Pneumonia	4	0	4
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	2	2	4
Epilepsy	1	0	1
Total	8	2	10

School Industries.

The various occupations in the schools have progressed during the year. Those patients leaving the register at 16 years of age, and then proceeding to the purely occupational classes, have shown that the teaching staff must have spent considerable time and a full measure of patience in grounding them in manual work. When the weather has been suitable, the senior boys have utilised the verandah on the south aspect of the main building for their occupation classes, much to the

Southern Verandah : Occupation Classes.

New Verandah : Girls' Tea Party.

benefit of teachers and taught. School gardening also has held the interest of both girls and boys during the year, more patients being so occupied than was the case at the date of my last Report.

New Industries.

Mention may be made of the chair-caning class for girls recently commenced, and also the papier-maché moulding for junior boys, which occupation, requiring the use of much paste, has aroused their interest. The ornaments so made are decorated by means of the use of art sealing-wax and by the aid of "Instanta" stamps, which enable designs to be quickly and effectively made. Another new and very interesting occupation is the making of effective hats in crochet stitch using raffia-silk material.

Action Songs and Dances.

As usual, the performances of the patients on the stage in the Winmarleigh Hall have aroused much interest, and it may be useful to record a few of the items shown to the numerous visitors. A programme usually contains such items as (*a*) Japanese Action Song; (*b*) Dance of the Hours; (*c*) Medley of Nursery Rhymes, some thirteen items being included; (*d*) Garden Song, the finale of which has proved most effective. Other titles, such as the Railway Train, with its amusing dwarf guard, a Singing Game, and a Visit to Coonland, make up a programme which has admirably demonstrated the happiness and spontaneous interest the numerous performers take in their work. Permission to take part in one of these displays has been an incentive to good behaviour, and the teaching staff have made much use of this lever towards good conduct.

Teachers.

Two younger female teachers have attended a course of instruction under the auspices of the Central Association for Mental Welfare, held for three weeks at Birmingham.

Improvements.

In the bakehouse, a mechanical-kneader for the flour has been installed and has already materially improved the manufacture of the bread, the Institution being self-contained in regard to this item. Near by, in the meat stores, is a refrigerator for the storing of this commodity, a recent addition which it is hoped will prove very helpful in the daily work of this department. Alterations providing improved lighting and ventilation have been carried out in the main building kitchen, the adjoining scullery having also been re-floored and otherwise improved. The crockery room, close to

the dining hall, has had a large hot-plate added to it, making the efficient serving of meals much easier. The main carriage drive and various walks in the grounds have been re-gravelled, and considerable re-painting, including the decoration of the Winmarleigh Hall, has been carried out. An important improvement that must not escape mention is the laying of a new water service, this having been necessary owing to old-standing furring of the original pipes. New sanitary blocks have been added and other alterations carried out at the Rodgett Infirmary; these will prove very helpful to the management.

The Herbert Storey Workshops.

The carving and joinery work exhibited by one of the patients in the Herbert Storey Workshops has met with the approval of many visitors, the originality of the design of the clothes-horses, etc., having been favourably commented upon. These workshops have, during the year, turned out for us a new kind of work, that is coco-fibre mats made with the help of coloured material, and this innovation has also been a subject of congratulation by visitors.

Staff Changes.

During the year, death unfortunately removed James McWhinnie, a trusted surgery attendant and faithful helper of the medical staff, who retired only two years ago after long and meritorious service, so that he enjoyed his well-earned rest for but a short while. The same remark has also to be applied to Miss Jane Irvin, whose life-long devotion to her charges called forth the admiration of her fellow staff, and whose legacy to the Institution bears testimony to her devotion to the patients even in her last moments. Following the death of Miss Mary Hartley, recorded in my last Report, the vacant post of Nurse-Matron of the Rodgett Infirmary was filled by the appointment of Miss C. E. Black, who came to us from Manchester and took up duty on January 1st. Later on this year, Miss M. M. O'Gorman was appointed to the position of Assistant Nurse-Matron, rendered vacant by the resignation of Miss Florence Heap. Finally, I have to refer with great regret to the unexpected death of my very efficient Clerk, Miss Mabel A. Sergeant, whose services during the past ten years have been most highly valued.

Acknowledgments.

It is my pleasant privilege to offer my very best thanks to my two colleagues, Dr. C. J. Henderson, the Senior Assistant Medical Officer, and Dr. H. J. Appleyard, the Junior Assistant

Medical Officer and Dental Surgeon. They have given me most generous and efficient help during the year, and are to be congratulated on their tuition of the classes for female and male staff, the number of successes at the preliminary examination of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association being very satisfactory. Since November, both gentlemen have conducted further classes, and it is hoped that some of the staff will present themselves at the final examination next year. Miss Black has also held various lecture demonstrations for the instruction of the female staff.

Classes for Staff.

The officials and general staff have given valuable service during the year and to them I extend my warmest thanks. It is very pleasing to learn from the report of the Inspectors of the Board of Control who visited the Institution in May last that "the Institution itself was in excellent order." To me this is gratifying testimony to the efficient work of the staff.

Board of Control.

To your Lordship and the members of the Central Committee, near and far, I have to tender my personal thanks for much encouragement and kindly consideration.

Chairman and Committee.

Like many other experts concerned in mental deficiency, I have had the question of the legal aspect of our work brought to my immediate notice. Although there are many questions still left for future consideration, the short Amendment Bill now before Parliament (associated with the name of Mr. Crompton Wood) will, it is hoped, when it becomes law, help the administration of the present Act. The best treatment for the serious scourge of *sleepy sickness* is, I fear, yet a problem for future solution; that the sufferers are not usually suitable cases for a training Institution, where the ordinary type of defective forms the major population, I think is only too certain. The egoistic, wayward and temperamental traits are fatal to the inculcation of the community spirit without which satisfactory mental-defective occupational work is impossible.

Legislation.

Sleepy Sickness.

I am,

My Lord, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

W. H. COUPLAND,

September 16th, 1927. Medical Superintendent.

STATISTICS AS TO PATIENTS.

CONDITION OF PATIENTS discharged during the year.

		Males.	Females.	Total.
Much improved	*Relieved*	0	0	0
Moderately improved	*Relieved*	2	0	2
Slightly improved	*Relieved*	4	2	6
Not improved		11	5	16
Total		17	7	24

ADMISSIONS, DISCHARGES AND DEATHS from December 14th, 1870, to March 31st, 1927.

Admissions		4370
Discharges	2690	
Deaths	871	
In Institution on March 31st, 1927	809	
		4370

RESULTS OF TRAINING of all Discharged Patients.

Much improved	*Relieved*	743	or 27·62	per cent.
Moderately improved	*Relieved*	733	or 27·24	,,
Slightly improved	*Relieved*	646	or 24·01	,,
		2122	or 78·87	,,
Not improved		568	or 21·13	,,
Total		2690	or 100·00	,,

AGES OF PATIENTS who have resided in the Institution, and of those who have died, during the fifty-two weeks included in the Medical Superintendent's Annual Report.

AGES.	NO. OF EACH AGE RESIDENT.			NO. OF EACH AGE DECEASED.		
	Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.
From 5 to 10 years	17	6	23	0	0	0
10 ,, 15 ,,	93	26	119	2	1	3
15 ,, 20 ,,	135	64	199	3	1	4
20 ,, 25 ,,	131	54	185	1	0	1
25 ,, 30 ,,	67	45	112	0	0	0
30 ,, 35 ,,	44	22	66	0	0	0
35 ,, 40 ,,	27	16	43	0	0	0
40 and upwards	55	41	96	2	0	2
	569	274	843	8	2	10

THE STOREY HOME: "DANCE OF THE HOURS."

THE DERBY HOME

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

LANCASTER, 20th JULY, 1927.

I have audited the books, accounts and vouchers of the Royal Albert Institution, with the following Statements of Account, and have obtained all the information and explanations I have required. In my opinion such Statements are properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Institution's affairs, according to the best of my information and explanations given to me, and as shown by the books of the Institution.

The deeds and certificates representing the Sustentation Fund investments have been exhibited to me and are all in proper order.

A. B. S. WELCH,

Auditor.

ADDITIONAL LEGACIES RECEIVED

SINCE THE 31ST OF MARCH, 1927.

Mrs. Martha Lambert, East Morton, Bingley ...	£500	0	0
Thomas Shoesmith, Halifax (on account).....	250	0	0
Mrs. Elizabeth Higgins, Hereford	50	0	0
Miss Jane Irvin, Lancaster.....	37	9	11

MAINTENANCE

Dr. *From April 1st, 1926,*

Receipts.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Balance at Bank, April 1st, 1926	768 12 3	
Cash in hand	180 0 0	
		948 12 3
Payments for Patients :		
From Local and other Statutory Authorities	33,351 5 11	
From Private Sources	8,768 2 0	
Annual Subscriptions	3,707 14 2	
Donations	81 16 3	
Interest on Sustentation Fund Investments	9,441 8 5	
Income from Joseph Nutter's Gift	17 11 10	
Rent	369 2 0	
Bank Interest	136 9 4	
		55,873 9 11
Farm and Garden Account :		
Produce sold	1,665 0 3	
Produce supplied to Institution	7,419 11 1	
		9,084 11 4
		£65,906 13 6

Examined and compared with the Books of Account and Vouchers, and certified to be correct.—July 20th, 1927.

A. B. S. WELCH, Lancaster, *Auditor.*

ACCOUNT,

to March 31st, 1927. Cr.

Payments.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Salaries and Wages (including Medical Attendance)	21,060 13 6	
Superannuation Payments	1,993 16 6	
Provisions	13,618 12 8	
Uniforms and Patients' Clothing	2,801 14 3	
Medical Requisites and Drugs	314 6 6	
Furniture and Bedding	1,799 9 3	
Fuel, Lighting and Water	6,756 18 3	
Washing and Cleaning Articles and other Necessaries	603 13 11	
Travelling Expenses and Conveyance and Removal of Patients	263 2 8	
Books, Postage, Printing, Stationery and Advertisements	823 16 10	
Rates, Taxes and Insurance	1,277 5 7	
Maintenance and Repairs of Buildings and Machinery	2,141 19 1	
		53,455 9 0
Charges for Land and Buildings:		
Structural Improvements, Additions and Alterations	623 4 0	
Transfer to Sinking Fund	250 0 0	
Cavendish Reception House: Sinking Fund Repayment	464 7 4	
Open-air School: Sinking Fund Repayment...	54 16 0	
North Wing Verandah: Sinking Fund Repayment	84 7 8	
		1,476 15 0
Farm and Garden Account:		
Wages	1,488 5 0	
Live Stock purchased	1,738 14 9	
Provender, Seeds and Manure	2,181 11 6	
Other items	583 3 7	
		5,991 14 10
Cash in hand...		180 0 0
Balance at Bank, March 31st, 1927		4,802 14 8
		£65,906 13 6

Signed on behalf of the Central Committee:

RICHARD F. CAVENDISH, *Chairman.*
WILLIAM BRIGGS, *Vice-Chairman.*
SAMUEL KEIR, *Secretary.*

EXTENSIONS AND IM-

Dr. *From April 1st, 1926,*

Receipts.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Balance, April 1st, 1926:		
Loan to Lancaster Corporation	20,000 0 0	
Bank	1,621 4 3	
		21,621 4 3
Interest on Loan		1,029 15 1
Cavendish Reception House: Fourth Sinking Fund Repayment		464 7 4
Open-air School: Third Sinking Fund Repayment		54 16 0
North Wing Verandah: First Sinking Fund Repayment..		84 7 8
Bank Interest and Commission...		47 14 8
		£23,302 5 0

Audited and found correct.—July 20th, 1927.

A. B. S. WELCH, Lancaster, *Auditor.*

SUSTENTATION FUND

Dr. *From April 1st, 1926,*

Receipts.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Balance, April 1st, 1926		1,654 11 2
Legacies	200 0 0	
Donations	100 0 0	
Life Interest Payments	663 0 0	
		963 0 0
Sale of Stock:		
£6,500 New Zealand 4 per cent. Consolidated Stock, 1929		6,295 18 0
Repayment of Mortgage:		
£5,000 Lancaster Corporation 5 per cent. Mortgage Bond		5,000 0 0
Transfer from Sinking Fund:		
Balance on Sale of New Zealand Stock...		59 13 4
		£13,973 2 6

Audited and found correct.—July 20th, 1927.

A. B. S. WELCH, Lancaster, *Auditor,*

PROVEMENTS ACCOUNT.

to March 31st, 1927. **Cr.**

Payments.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
North Wing Verandah		1,297 4 7
Balance, March 31st, 1927:		
Loan to Lancaster Corporation	20,000 0 0	
Bank	2,005 0 5	22,005 0 5
		£23,302 5 0

Signed on behalf of the Central Committee:

RICHARD F. CAVENDISH, *Chairman.*
WILLIAM BRIGGS, *Vice-Chairman.*
SAMUEL KEIR, *Secretary.*

ANNUAL ACCOUNT.

to March 31st, 1927. **Cr.**

Payments.

	£ s. d.
Investments:	
Rochdale Corporation:	
£670 3½ per cent. Stock, 1945-85	488 12 3
London County:	
£2,500 2½ per cent. Consolidated Stock...	1,312 13 0
Local Loans:	
£18,000 3 per cent. 1912	11,323 6 0
Balance at Bank, March 31st, 1927	848 11 3
	£13,973 2 6

Signed on behalf of the Central Committee:

RICHARD F. CAVENDISH, *Chairman.*
WILLIAM BRIGGS, *Vice-Chairman.*
SAMUEL KEIR, *Secretary.*

PRESENTS RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR.

Anonymous, 74 Gramophone Records
Appleyard, Mr. J. G., Edinburgh, £1 for Rodgett Infirmary Patients.
Barrett, Mrs., Lancaster, Hats for Patients.
Belcher, Mrs., West Ealing, Clothing for Patients.
Berry, Mrs., Morecambe, Caps for Patients.
Bolton-le-Sands Congregational Church League of Young Worshippers, per Rev. W. H. Towers, Eggs and Flowers for Patients.
Brunskill, Mr. Sidney, Kendal, Wool and Silk Skeins.
Bryan, Mrs., Wigan, Books, etc., and Clothing.
Cook, Miss Celia, Lancaster, Easter Eggs for Patients.
Dickinson, Mr. and Mrs. S., Wallasey, Fruit.
Dowler, Mrs. J. F., Wallasey, £1 and Easter Eggs for Patients.
Green, Mrs., Skipton, Clothing and Fruit.
Hayes, Mr., Penwortham, Surgical Dressings.
Hollyhead, Mrs., Featherstone, 2s. 6d. for Patients' Amusement Fund.
Kay, Mrs., Dunford Bridge, Eggs.
Lane, Lady, Lancaster, Material for Industries.
Moles, Mrs., Huddersfield, Books.
Naylor, Mrs., Burnley, Cakes, Buns, etc.
Parkinson, Mrs., Lancaster, Hats for Patients.
Paulden, Mr. T. L., Southport, £10 10s. for Amusement Fund.
Redmayne, Mrs., Lancaster, Electrical Resistance Coils.
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Sheen, Mr. and Mrs. J. R., Wallasey, Chocolate Easter Eggs.
Shepherd, Mrs. A., Halifax, 4s. for Rodgett Infirmary Patients.
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Akeroyd, Mrs. A., Birstall, 3s.
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Arundale, Mrs., Colwyn Bay, Dresses, etc.
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Barrow, Misses, Lancaster, Bags of Sweets.
Bate & Gorst, Lancaster, Box of Sweets.
Bayley, Mrs., Lancaster, 2s. 6d.
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Bell, F. Burns, Lancaster, 10s.
Bentley, Mrs., Lancaster, 10s.
Booth, G. J., Arkholme, 10s.
Booth, Miss, Lancaster, Dressed Doll.
Bradwell, H., Sheffield, 10s.
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Briggs, Mrs., Silsden, £5.
Briggs, Wm., D.L., Lancaster, £1.
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Bryan, Mr. and Mrs., Wigan, Biscuits, Chocolates and 10s. 6d.
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Clark, C. F., Leeds, £2.
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FitzGerald, Dr. W. A., Chester, £1.
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Jones, Mrs. F., Cheadle Heath, Games and 10s. 6d.
Kay, Mrs., Dunford Bridge, £1 1s.
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Keen, Mr. and Mrs., Barrow-in-Furness, 5s.
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Lawrence, H., Carlisle, £1 1s.
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Parsons, Mrs., Stoke Newington, Twelve Dolls.
Pattinson, Mrs., Mansfield, 5s.
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Postlethwaite, Mrs., Lancaster, 10s.
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Rawes, Mrs. Edward, Lancaster, Handkerchiefs, Beads, etc., and 2s. 6d.
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Reed, Miss, Newcastle, £1 1s. for Staff.
Religious Tract Society, London, Books, Pictures and Magazines.
Richardson, Miss, Lancaster, 5s.

Ridings, J., Castleton, 3s.
Riley and Cottam, Misses, Lancaster, Sweets and Toys.
Robinson, J. A., Lancaster, Crackers and Flowers.
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Saxton, W., Retford, 10s.
Seward, C. F., Lancaster, 10s.
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Sherren, Miss, Lancaster, 5s.
Shuttleworth, Dr. and Mrs., Hampstead, Six Boxes of Crackers.
Simpson, Mrs., Lancaster, Sweets.
Simpson, Misses, Lancaster, 10s.
Simpson, Miss, Lancaster, Illustrated Papers.
Singleton, J. E., K.C., London, £2 2s.
Smith, Mr. and Mrs., Sunderland, 5s.
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Smith, Richard, Lancaster, £1.
Smith, Mrs. R., Ashton-in-Makerfield, 10s.
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Snowball, Mrs., Lancaster, Dressed Dolls.
Somerville, Mrs., Brighouse, £11.
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Welch, John, Lancaster, 10s.
Welch, W. G., Hampson, £1.
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Woods, J. W., Rotherham, 3s.
Wright, Ald. G., Lancaster, 10s.
Yates & Jackson, Lancaster, £1 10s.

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	£	s.	d.
Messrs. Storey Brothers & Co., Ltd., Lancaster	52	10	0
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Mr. and Mrs. A. Klemt, The Rockwood, Crewe: Proceeds of Whist Drive and Dance, 1926...	21	0	0
Leeds Women's Civic Club	13	0	0
National Council of Women, Leeds	10	0	0
Mrs. Widdrington, Newton Hall, Felton, Northumberland: Part proceeds of Garden Festival, August 7th, 1926	10	0	0

	£	s.	d.
Employees of Messrs. R. Percival, Ltd., Lowther Street, Carlisle, per Mrs. J. W. Walker	7	8	2
Mrs. J. W. Walker, Beauville, Edentown, Carlisle: Proceeds of Whist Drives, 1927	7	4	2
Collections at St. Michael-on-Wyre Church, Garstang, per Rev. H. L. Hornby	6	15	8
Miss Webb, West Bank, Bury: Proceeds of Police Sports ...	5	5	0
Bradford Dyers' Association	25	0	0
Lady Priestley, Rosemount House, Bradford	20	0	0
Woolcombers Ltd., Bradford	20	0	0
Liverpool Council of Voluntary Aid Charities Fund, 1927 ...	12	0	0
Bradford Board of Guardians	10	10	0
Mr. W. W. Galloway, Bilborough Hall, near Preston	10	10	0
Mr. T. L. Paulden, 82, Scarisbrick New Road, Southport ...	10	10	0
Messrs. J. & N. Phillips & Co., Ltd., 35, Church Street, Manchester	10	10	0
Messrs. Platt Brothers, Hartford Works, Oldham	10	10	0
Messrs. Reckitt & Sons, Ltd., Hull	10	10	0
United Yeast Co., Ltd., 80, Miller Street, Manchester	10	10	0
Reyner Trust Fund, Liverpool	10	10	0
Messrs. Joshua Tetley & Son, Ltd., Leeds	10	10	0
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Mr. Samuel Turner, Springbank, Rochdale	10	0	0
Brighouse Infirmaries and Hospitals Committee	10	0	0
Trustees of Sir James Reckitt Charity, Hull	10	0	0
Huddersfield Board of Guardians	7	17	6
Misses Whitley, 11, Heath Avenue, Savile Park, Halifax	7	10	0
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Mr. G. B. Bainbridge, Espley Hall, Morpeth	5	5	0
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The Right Hon. Lord Cawley, Berrington Hall, Leominster ...	5	5	0
Messrs. E. Clegg & Son, Shore Mills, Littleborough	5	5	0
Messrs. W. Doxford & Sons, Ltd., Pallion, Sunderland	5	5	0
Messrs. Joshua Hoyle & Sons, Ltd., Bacup	5	5	0
Miss Hignett, Bankfield House, West Derby, Liverpool	5	5	0
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Mrs. Greenwood, Glen View, Todmorden	5	5	0
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Messrs. George Robinson & Co., Ltd., 109, Princess Street, Manchester	5	5	0
Rochdale Board of Guardians	5	5	0
Mrs. Russell, Lansdowne, Ashton-on-Mersey	5	5	0
Sedgefield Board of Guardians	5	5	0
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	£	s.	d.
Co-operative Wholesale Society, Manchester	21	0	0
Crewe Co-operative Friendly Society	12	12	0
Gateshead Industrial Co-operative Society	10	10	0
Huddersfield Industrial Society	10	10	0
Rochdale Equitable Pioneers' Society	10	10	0
Brighouse District Industrial Society	5	5	0
Bury District Co-operative Society	5	5	0
Great and Little Bolton Co-operative Society	5	5	0
Heywood Industrial Co-operative Society	5	5	0
Jarrow and Hebburn Co-operative Society	5	5	0
Lancaster District Co-operative Society	5	5	0
Manchester and Salford Equitable Co-operative Society	5	5	0
Oldham Equitable Co-operative Society	5	5	0
Rochdale Provident Co-operative Society	5	5	0
Stockport Industrial and Equitable Co-operative Society	5	5	0
Hartlepools Co-operative Society	5	0	0
Eccles Provident Co-operative Society	3	3	0
Great Harwood Co-operative Society	3	3	0
Hebden Bridge Co-operative Society	3	3	0
Newcastle Co-operative Society: Employees' Charity Fund ...	3	3	0
Carlisle South End Co-operative Society	3	3	0
St. Helens Co-operative Society	3	3	0
Todmorden Co-operative Society	3	3	0
Smaller amounts	62	18	0
	£207	11	0

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DONATIONS.

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Mr. L. F. Harvey, Timperley	10	0	0
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	£	s.	d.
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Smaller amounts	4	16	0

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Smaller sums	46	4	6

EXTRACTS FROM SPEECHES.

Public Meeting at Chester, October 22nd, 1926.

In these days, it was generally recognised that the mental deficient was a danger to the community. There might be different opinions as to how this danger ought to be dealt with, but at the present time segregation was the only effectual remedy which appealed to the conscience of the public. Too few Institutions had been provided for this purpose at all comparable to the Royal Albert, but if its buildings were to be kept in the state of efficiency in which they had always been maintained, and if the Institution was to be kept abreast of modern scientific development and continue to lead the way in the treatment of the mentally defective, capital must be provided by the charitably inclined. The fact that some of the patients were paid for did not absolve the counties which benefited through the Institution from contributing liberally towards its support, and he was quite sure that Cheshire would not only continue the successful and vigorous efforts of past years but would develop them for the future to meet the increasing needs of the times. With regard to the way in which the Institution did its work, the material results were apparent but the moral results were still greater. He had the privilege of visiting a number of the patients, and to any observer it was obvious that the relationships between inmates and staff were a lesson in what might be done for the happiness and comfort of those under care. There was an atmosphere in the Institution entirely different from that in Institutions for the insane. Those unhappily afflicted by insanity and able to appreciate their position longed to get out, but that was not so at the Royal Albert, where the patients lived in an atmosphere of equality. Outside, the defective had to face not only competition but comparison with those of a higher degree of intelligence—he was naturally subdued, neglected, tolerated. Inside, he was amongst his equals, and those with whom he competed were those with whom he might hope to stand upon an equal footing. The moral effect of this gave him happiness, hopefulness and self-respect—a result which certainly could not be achieved outside. For this reason, he believed that much as parents desired to win their children's affection and promote their happiness, the happiness of a defective child was more likely to be promoted in an Institution of this kind than in the most tender and affectionate home, because the child was then associated with those who were not greatly his superiors in intellect.—*Right Hon. Lord Sandhurst, Lord Chancellor's Legal Visitor in Lunacy.*

The claims of these poor people were a challenge to Christian civilisation. In the animal world, the weakly were soon put out of action—and no doubt this was a merciful thing—and amongst savages they were often treated very unkindly and sometimes despatched, but in this country we had been taught to feel the utmost sympathy for those who had not all their endowments. They rejoiced to know that these unfortunates were being so kindly and wisely treated, and that the most beneficent influence was being brought to bear upon their moral and spiritual nature. It was often found that their spiritual development was out of all proportion to their mental condition, and he felt that those who were working so keenly for the welfare of the deficient were working not only for time but for eternity.—*Ven. Archdeacon Paige Cox.*

MEETING AT ROCHDALE, MAY 18th, 1927.

It is very satisfactory to find that the interest taken by Rochdale in the Royal Albert Institution ever since its inception is still well maintained, and this interest will I hope continue. For the Royal Albert is not an ephemeral

Institution, which might be here to-day and gone to-morrow—it is one of permanent and increasing value. Those with whom it deals are likely to be always with us, and their number is prodigious when it is realised that every one of them needs very special care. A Royal Commission a few years ago estimated the number of mental deficients in England and Wales at nearly 272,000, of whom 66,500 were urgently in need of suitable Institutional care. Probably not more than a quarter of that number are yet provided for. The public conscience is now aroused to the importance of the problem from the national as well as the humanitarian point of view, and increased provision is being made for these defectives in various Institutions. Amongst these the Royal Albert is one of the foremost. Within the last few years its accommodation has increased from something over 400 to nearly double that number, and no fewer than 800 inmates are now under care. These may be divided roughly into two classes, the higher class consisting of those who are in a measure educable, whose feeble minds, under the skilled and patient attention given to them, can be developed in some instances to a very considerable extent. A proportion of them are able to learn one of the various trades taught at the Institution, and should they return home thus become more or less self-supporting. Others are incapable of receiving such instruction, and the most that can be done for them is to teach them simple rules of conduct and make them as happy as possible, and this is accomplished to a wonderful and delightful extent. Most of these cases ought to remain permanently segregated, in their own interests as well as those of their parents and the community. A certain number of these the Royal Albert is able to retain, so that the Institution is dealing with practically all the phases of this mysterious, complex and universal problem with wonderful success, but, of course, at very great cost. Hence the urgent necessity for the continuance and increase of private contributions to enable this wonderful work to be carried on and further developed on lines that research and experience may from time to time prove to be the best adapted to attain the objects of the Institution—objects with which we all very truly and deeply sympathise.—*Ald. J. R. Heape, Chairman of the Rochdale Committee.*

MEETING AT SOUTHPORT, MAY 26th, 1927.

It must be a great relief to the relatives and friends of the patients to feel that the inmates of the Institution were not only taken care of but taught, wherever possible, some useful employment. It was a great achievement to train such a large number of the boys and girls under care to do work of the kind they saw before them, and he believed that in that way about 10 per cent. of the inmates became practically self-supporting. He could think of nothing more distressing than for a family to have a member deprived of the pure light of reason. It made one very sad to come across such cases, and it was very gratifying to find that they were so well taken care of and that the Institution received such deserved support.—*Councillor G. H. Hibbott, Mayor of Southport.*

This Institution conferred three benefits upon the community. Firstly, it conferred a great benefit upon the children who were trained there ; also upon the parents—especially the mother—who were relieved from the necessity of caring at home for a defective child ; and in his opinion it conferred further benefit upon the other children, because with a defective child in the home it would be impossible for the other children to receive the discipline and care which were needed. Therefore on all these grounds he thought the Institution was very well deserving of their support.—*Mr. J. J. Cockshott, Chairman of the Southport Committee.*

Bake House.

Wood-cutting Yard.